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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6471

BILL NUMBER: HB 1176

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 15, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Licenses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Burton

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Child Support Bureau to apply for an exemption from the federal Child Support Enforcement Law that requires the state to implement procedures to withhold, suspend, or restrict the hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses of individuals delinquent in the payment of child support. The bill also repeals and relocates the definition of "bureau".

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Child Support Bureau in the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) reports that it would require a staff person for a minimum of six months to fulfill the requirements of the bill. The cost for one full-time equivalent (FTE) over a six-month period would be approximately \$30,000.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon administrative actions.

Background Information: Pursuant to 45 CFR 302.70(d), a state can apply for an exemption from a required federal law. The exemption lasts for a period of no more than 3 years. The state must demonstrate, through use of data, that approval of the exemption would not decrease the effectiveness of the child support program.

Indiana currently has one exemption which allows the state to receive child support payments in more than one location from noncustodial parents. Payments can be made at the office of the county clerk as opposed to solely being directed to FSSA.

Explanation of State Revenues: The exemption would allow the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to not withhold, suspend, or restrict hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses to individuals delinquent in the payment of child support. This provision may increase revenue collected from fees associated with the issuance of DNR licenses. The specific impact is indeterminable because the number of instances wherein licenses are not issued due to lack of support payments is not known.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: FSSA Child Support Bureau and the DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

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